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WASHINGTON--SENATE LEADERS TODAY POSTPONED FOR THIS WEEK A STAT  
SHOWDOWN ON THEIR CIA WATCHDOG COMMITTEE DISPUTE TO PERMIT FURTHER  
COMPROMISE TALKS ON THE ISSUE.

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MANSFIELD ANNOUNCED THE DECISION AFTER  
A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES  
AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES AND OTHER PRINCIPLES IN THE STALEMATE.  
THE POSTPONEMENT CAME JUST TWO HOURS BEFORE THE SENATE WAS  
SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER A MOVE BY FULBRIGHT'S COMMITTEE TO GAIN A ROLE IN  
THE TASK OF SURVEILLANCE OVER THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, NOW  
HANDLED BY A SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY RUSSELL. THE GEORGIA  
DEMOCRAT'S SPECIAL GROUP CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS ARMED  
SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

MANSFIELD SAID ONE REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WAS THE HOSPITALIZA-  
TION YESTERDAY OF CHAIRMAN CARL HAYDEN, D-ARIZ., OF THE APPROPRIA-  
TIONS COMMITTEE.

INDICATING SOME HOPE OF A FRIENDLY SOLUTION, MANSFIELD ADDED THAT  
"ANOTHER REASON WAS BECAUSE WE ARE STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE  
SOLUTION IN CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS INTERESTED SENATORS." HE  
ADDED:

"WHETHER THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED I AM NOT AT ALL CERTAIN. BUT I AM  
AM HOPEFUL IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION IN A MANNER WHICH  
FORECLOSES FLOOR DEBATE ON THIS MOST SENSITIVE SUBJECT AND AT THE SAME  
TIME GUARANTEES DUE REGARD TO THE EGITIMATE INTEREST OF ALL COMMITTEES  
CONCERNED IN THIS FIELD."

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS MORNING'S  
HUDDLE IN HIS OFFICE "IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE CIA RESOLUTION  
WILL BE BROUGHT UP THIS WEEK."

MEETING WITH MANSFIELD WERE RUSSELL, FULBRIGHT AND SENS. JOHN  
STENNIS, D-MISS., AND EUGENE MCCARTHY, D-MINN. STENNIS SERVES ON BOTH  
ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS WHILE MCCARTHY A FOREIGN RELATIONS  
MEMBER, IS THE AUTHOR OF A PENDING RESOLUTION TO FORMALIZE AND BROADEN  
THE EXISTING CIA REVIEW GROUP TO INCLUDE THREE FOREIGN RELATIONS  
MEMBERS.

INDICATING HIS HOPE OF A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, MANSFIELD SAID "THEY  
ALL HAD OPEN MINDS AND ALL SEEMED TO BE NOT AVERSE TO A COMPROMISE  
IF ONE COULD BE WORKED OUT."

HE SAID SOME "SUGGESTIONS" WERE CONSIDERED BUT DECLINED TO DETAIL  
WHAT THEY WERE.

AFTER THE MEETING IN MANSFIELD'S CAPITOL OFFICE, FULBRIGHT AND  
MCCARTHY CONFIRMED THAT FLOOR CONSIDERATION OF CIA SURVEILLANCE HAD  
AGAIN BEEN DEFERRED. BOTH SAID THE POSTPONEMENT WAS DUE IN PART TO  
THE ILLNESS OF HAYDEN.

WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF THE DISPUTE, MCCARTHY  
SAID: "WE'RE STILL TRYING TO WORK SOMETHING OUT," BUT ADDED THAT,  
"THERE'S NOTHING NEW IN THE POT."

ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT THREE-  
MEMBER FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE TO GET ITS OWN INFORMATION  
FROM CIA, MCCARTHY SAID THAT POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION  
FOR SOME TIME.

MANSFIELD SAID CREATION OF SUCH AN ADDITIONAL CIA WATCHDOG GROUP  
WAS DISCUSSED TODAY ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL, EMBODIED IN MCCARTHY'S  
RESOLUTION, FOR ADDING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE

PRESENT WATCHDOG SUBCOMMITTEE. MANSFIELD SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IF SUCH A NEW GROUP WERE ESTABLISHED, ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE THAT IT WOULD BE FULLY ADVISED BY CIA.

FULBRIGHT HAD COMPLAINED THAT, WHILE ADM. WILLIAM J. RABORN, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, HAS BRIEFED THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON OCCASION, HE HAD DECLINED TO ANSWER CERTAIN QUESTIONS ON GROUNDS THAT THE INFORMATION CAN LEGALLY BE PROVIDED ONLY TO RUSSELL'S CIA WATCHDOG SUBCOMMITTEE.

MANSFIELD SAID HE THOUGHT RABORN WOULD NOT BE SO CONSTRAINED "IF THE RIGHT KIND OF A SOLUTION WAS FOUND."

MANSFIELD TOLD NEWSMEN HE WAS "NOT AT ALL CERTAIN" ABOUT A COMPROMISE "BUT HOPEFUL." HE SAID A FLOOR FIGHT ON THE CIA ISSUE "WOULD NOT HELP CIA...WOULD BENEFIT NO ONE."

"SOME STATEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE THAT WE WOULD WISH HAD NOT BEEN MADE," MANSFIELD SAID.

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